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## 40 billion gallons of rain fell on city



Gerald Miles paddles as Robbin Crider of Utica, Indiana, holds a covered basket containing a friend's pet cat.

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### Some in Louisville, Southern Indiana facing big cleanup

James Bruggers and Thomas Novelty

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As a swollen Ohio River began to recede from its highest crest in 21 years, the damage from moderate flooding across the region began to emerge.

The water on the river peaked Monday and was expected to continue falling this week, even though the National Weather Service sees more rain in the forecast as early Tuesday night.

"It will be more like normal rain amounts," said Mike Crow, a weather service meteorologist, said of rain expected through Wednesday.

In the days and weeks ahead, "there will be a tremendous cleanup for this community," said Brian Bingham, director of operations for the Metropolitan Sewer District, which manages drainage and flood control in Louisville.

Officials said hundreds of Louisville homes were inundated following five days of rain that dropped 40 billion gallons of water on Louisville alone. That's a huge amount of water — about the same volume the Louisville Water Co. produces in about 10 years.

While damage estimates will not be fully

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How to clean your home after Ohio River flood damage, **10A**



**ABOVE:** Elmer Colvin sees what he can do to move his pick-up truck that's stuck outside his sister's home in Utica.  
**LEFT:** Leo Snelling is held by mother Ashley as the pair wait for news on a family member's home in Utica on Sunday afternoon.

## After 26 years, murder case ends

Judge finds no evidence against Hardin, Clark

Andrew Wolfson

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BRANDENBURG, Ky. — They were both behind bars for more than 8,000 days — more than half their lives. Now they are free.

After 26 years — and a 10-minute hearing Monday in Meade Circuit Court — a judge dismissed the murder case against Garr Keith Hardin and Jeffrey Dewayne Clark, who were convicted in 1995 of a case falsely linked to satanic worship.

Both hugged their families and friends. Hardin's lawyers held his hand above his head like a heavy-weight champion celebrating after a long bout.

"I hope I have done what's right," said Judge Bruce Butler, who granted the men a new trial in 2016 and freed them from jail after finding no credible evidence remained against them.

"I know that I've done what the law requires," the judge said.

Seema Saiffee, a lawyer from the Innocence Project in New York, said in court that both men were convicted through "unconscionable misconduct" of police in the worst miscarriage of justice she'd ever seen.

"They stole their youth but they couldn't take away their dignity," she said.

Outside the courthouse, Hardin, 48, and Clark, 47, thanked the judge for his courage and the attorney's office for moving to dismiss the case.

Clark called for a continued search for the real perpetrator who killed 19-year-old Rhonda Warford in 1992 and dumped her body in a field in Meade County.

"Her family has had a terrible loss," he said. "And I want to know who did this. I want closure."

The saga began in the early morning hours of April 2, 1992, when Warford disappeared from Louisville. Three days later, on April 5, 1992, she was found stabbed to death in Meade County, about 50 miles from her home.

The victim had spent April Fool's Day, 1992, hanging with friends in a Kroger parking lot near her home. She told her mother that on the way home, a strange man followed and harassed her, shouting that he wanted to marry her.

But investigators from Louisville

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### Vying for business downtown

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